

From: Mark Crandell
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 12/9/01 6:44pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

In regard to what I have heard about the proposed settlement regarding the Microsoft case. For one I am disappointed with the current idea regarding donation Microsoft products to school systems. The current deal from what I have heard allows Microsoft to distribute to schools the software that it chooses. I for one do not feel this helps school, and also I believe it would help Microsoft extend its reach into the education market. I would be happy to see anything Microsoft might pay me to instead go to a school; however, it needs to be up to the schooling systems how the money would be spent. I am in favor in Microsoft buying the hardware and having Red Hat Linux supply the software.

I believe the Linux operating system would be a great tool for schooling systems to have partly because of the great opportunity for learning computers, and computer software at a low cost (free!). For me, learning how to use Linux has defiantly become a valuable tool for becoming a computer engineer.

Thank you
Mark Crandell